

Appreciation Expressed to Medical Staff

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Few citizens of rural Utah are as well cared for medically as those of Summit, Wasatch and Duchesne Counties. A total of thirteen physicians and one dentist, constitute the medical staff at Wasatch County Hospital, representing specialties and various disciplines which offer to the public a divergence uncommon outside the Wasatch front.

The reasons for their presence here are probably as varied as are each of their backgrounds, attitudes, priorities and goals. Yet the common denominator is the quality of education, dedication and enthusiasm expressed by each in caring for our communities.

In an age of skepticism, we are largely cautious of the motives of professionals and because many dreaded conditions of the past are either now irradiated or treatable give little thoughts as to the benefactors of this modern miracle which lends itself to our quality of life.

It is therefore fitting and proper that note be taken and appreciation offered to these dedicated professionals known as doctors.

Many would argue that monetary remuneration is adequate for services rendered, but there is no way we can place a price on the caring and giving of these men and women. Very often they are among our civic, political, social and religious leaders putting organizational, teaching, counseling and motivational skills to good use, broadening their value to a community and becoming an integral part of its vital function. They become our neighbors, colleagues and friends influencing

life at many levels.

Both collectively and individually this group represents integrity, forthrightness, intelligence, service and sensitivity.

But before they become labeled as "supermen" or "superwomen" be assured, there are days of irritability, sadness, short tempers, frustration and feelings of inadequacy. Would we have it any other way? It is these very feelings that bond us together, reaching, not only as healer to patient, but as one vulnerable human being with compassion to another.

In keeping with Doctor Appreciation Day, March 30, 1984, Wasatch County Hospital's Governing Board, Administration and Hospital staff extend our sincere appreciation to our medical staff and for the privilege of working together in providing quality health care to the patients we serve. The Hospital will host a dinner for the Medical Staff and their partners March 30, 1984.

TO:

Jack D. Boggess, Physician and Surgeon; Wayne D. Bosworth, Physician and Surgeon; Neil J. Burton, Physician and Surgeon; W. Bart Christensen, Jr., Urologist; Scott Danley, DDS; Katherine S. Ferguson, Pediatrician; Bill Ferguson, Family Practitioner; R. Raymond Green, Physician and Surgeon, Present Chief of Staff; Ross E. Jensen, Physician and Surgeon; Janet Kelly, Family Practitioner; William Ledlie, Family Practitioner; Stanton B. McDonald, Physician and Surgeon; George D. Pitts, Physician and Surgeon.

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Contract Awarded for Water System Circuit Riders

Washington, March 20 - The National Rural Water Association today signed a \$300,000 contract with the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to provide six new "circuit riders" in eight states.

FmHA Administrator Charles W. Shuman said the circuit riders travel assigned geographical areas providing technical assistance to rural water systems. Under the terms of the one-year contract the water association will provide advice and assistance on such matters as water pressure problems, construction techniques,

Utah, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Texas, Shuman said.

FmHA is the rural credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. FmHA provides low interest loans and grants to rural communities for water and sewer systems. The circuit riders will be available to assist any rural water system, not only FmHA borrowers, on a need basis.

Mr. Charles Jeffs, Utah's Circuit Rider recently appointed by the Utah Rural Water Association,



"My biggest mistake was not getting into computers."

stan increases from now on will be for cost of living and what for merit or longevity. One consultant suggests an overall limit of 6 percent on raises.

If words and figures on a check differ

Q: My secretary recently received a check from a patient on which the two amounts differed. The words spelled "Ten dollars" but the figure was "\$100"—the amount actually owed. Which amount would we get if we deposited the check?

A: You'd receive \$10. When the sum expressed in figures differs from the amount written out, the sum designated by the words is the amount payable. So you'd better ask this patient for a corrected check.

you could be establishing a physician-patient relationship and assuming responsibility for the person's care. Also, your "curbside" opinion might persuade your questioner not to get a proper diagnosis and treatment. If this led to complications, you could be liable. So when an acquaintance asks you for an informal opinion, it's best to either say you'd like to be helpful but can't diagnose his problem without examining him and doing the necessary tests, or advise him to consult a specialist if the problem is out of your field.

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